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TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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TAGS: ABLD, PFOR, UR, US

SUBJECT: KIEV CONSULATE GENERAL

REF: MOSCOW 7809; MOSCOW 7879

1. WE SHARE EMBASSY'S VIEW THAT MFA'S RESPONSE IS DISAPPOINTING AND AGREE THAT PROMPT ACTION IS NECESSARY IF WE ARE TO MOVE AHEAD WITH KIEV PROPERTY QUESTIONS. WE SUGGEST THAT LETTER PROPOSED REFTEL BE PRESENTED TO MFA IN FORM OF NON PAPER. AT TIME OF PRESENTING REQUEST, EMBASSY SHOULD ASK THAT DISCUSSIONS WITH KIEV AUTHORITIES BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AND OFFER TO SEND EMBOFF AT ONCE TO DISCUSS POINTS RAISED IN NON PAPER. EMBASSY SHOULD REQUEST THAT MFA OFFICER ALSO TRAVEL TO KIEV TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE. SUGGESTED TEXT OF NON PAPER AS FOLLOWS:

2. QUOTE. U.S. SIDE IS CAREFULLY STUDYING AND REVIEWING THE PROPOSALS SET FORTH BY THE SOVIET SIDE ON MAY 17, 1976. EVEN WHILE THESE PROPOSALS ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION WE WISH TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE SOVIET SIDE PROVIDE US WITH THE ANNUAL RENTAL  
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COST FOR THE APARTMENTS AT FLORENTSIYA AND FIRM ESTIMATE  
ON COST OF RENOVATION AND RECONFIGURATION OF THESE  
APARTMENTS BY JUNE 10.

WITH REGARD TO THE TEMPORARY OFFICES OF THE CONSULATE  
GENERAL AT THE HOTEL MOSKVA WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT  
INTOURIST RATES ARE. FOR EXAMPLE, WHAT IS THE COST OF  
A SINGLE ROOM, A DOUBLE ROOM, AND A SUITE. WE WOULD  
ALSO POINT OUT THAT THE TEMPORARY OFFICES OF THE  
CONSULATE GENERAL ARE LIKELY TO BE LOCATED IN THE HOTEL  
MOSKVA FOR A YEAR OR 18 MONTHS BEFORE THE CONSULATE  
GENERAL BUILDING IS READY.

WE WOULD EXPECT IN VIEW OF THE RELATIVELY LONG TERM  
NATURE OF OUR USE OF THESE FACILITIES FOR OFFICES AND IN  
VIEW OF THE SUBSTANTIAL SAVINGS REALIZED BY THE SOVIET  
SIDE THROUGH DEPARTMENT APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF  
PROPERTIES IN NEW YORK, THAT THE SOVIET SIDE WOULD  
PROVIDE SPACE AT REASONABLE RATES, I.E. THOSE BELOW  
PREVAILING CHARGES FOR HOTEL SPACE.

WE HAVE BASED OUR PRELIMINARY PLANS FOR THE STRELETSKAYA  
BUILDINGS ON THE PREMISE THAT THE LAND ADJOINING  
STRELETSKAYA 16 WHERE THE SMALL BUILDING IS TO BE  
DEMOLISHED WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR OUR USE, AS  
PREVIOUSLY INDICATED BY THE KIEV AUTHORITIES. WHILE  
DISAPPOINTED, WE ARE WILLING TO DISPENSE WITH THE ACCESS  
ROAD TO THE REAR OF THE STRELETSKAYA PROPERTIES. HOWEVER,  
WE REGARD THE PARCEL OF LAND ADJOINING STRELETSKAYA 16  
TO BE ESSENTIAL FOR PROVIDING ACCESS TO THE STORAGE  
LOADING AREA OF THE OFFICE BUILDING AND FOR MAXIMUM  
UTILIZATION OF SPACE ON THE GROUND FLOOR. WE DESIRE  
ASSURANCE THAT THIS PROPERTY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR OUR  
USE.

WE NOTE THAT THE MINISTRY'S RESPONSE TO OUR LETTER OF  
MARCH 15, 1976 FAILED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE FOLLOWING  
POINTS:

A. OUR CONSUL GENERAL'S RESIDENCE CANNOT BE INCLUDED IN  
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THE STRELETSKAYA BUILDINGS AND WE SHALL REQUIRE ALTERNA-  
TIVES, PREFERABLY A FREE STANDING BUILDING.

B. WE REQUESTED TWO FLOORS OF GORKY BUILDING. SOVIET  
RESPONSE DOES NOT MEET OUR SPACE NEEDS AND WE TRUST THAT  
THIS REQUEST CAN BE HONORED.

C. WE REQUESTED A DACHA SITE ON THE DNIEPER RIVER AND

ACCESS TO THE RIVER FOR RECREATIONAL BOATING AND  
SWIMMING.

D. WE ASSUME THAT THE SOVIET SIDE WILL BUILD THE  
GARAGES AND EXTRA ACCESS TO THE GORKY BUILDING AT NO  
COST TO THE U.S. SIDE.

EARLY ANSWERS TO THE ABOVE POINTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED  
AND WOULD GREATLY EXPEDITE ESTABLISHING THE RESPECTIVE  
ADVANCE PARTIES. END QUOTE.

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